



and the evacuation of civilian dependents of the carriers from Berlin. In addition, there is a plan for the institution of a full-scale airlift operation to support the Berlin economy in the event that civilian ground access was denied.

6. There are LIVE OAK plans for the readying of limited military forces to supplement the probe efforts, to demonstrate determination to react with force, or to test the range of force the Soviets are prepared to apply. These plans provide for a composite tripartite battalion effort, with the possible support of a force up to a division in strength, and the readying of three fighter squadrons, one from each nation, which can be used on air alert, or, if necessary, to protect or escort transport probes.

7. General Horstad has been authorized by the Governments of France, the U.K. and the U.S. to provide to the Permanent Representatives of the North Atlantic Council, additional details of LIVE OAK planning, if they so desire. General Horstad has also been directed to keep the North Atlantic Council informed of any major changes, adjustments or additions to LIVE OAK planning.

8. The three Governments recognize that the implementation of LIVE OAK plans, could have political as well as military implications for NATO. Accordingly, they will be ready, time permitting, to advise and enter into consultation with the North Atlantic Council prior to implementing these plans.